THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ex-gratia relief maximum to the extent of Rs. 1.00 lakh is given to next of kins of victims of terrorism in J&K, left wing extremism and the militancy affected NE States under the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure, This is in addition to the relief given by the respective State Governments.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for online state lotteries

1856. SHRI RAJKUMAR DOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments are running lotteries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of income tax earned by Government and profit earned by State Governments during 2002-03; and

(d) the new proposals for online State lotteries received by Government and proposed to be cleared during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the information available, State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim and West Bengal are organizing lotteries.

(c) No information is maintained centrally in respect of Income Tax and profit earned from Lotteries by the State Governments.

(d) No proposal for on-line lotteries has been received by the Central Government.